

SONOMA COUNTY.

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its monthly meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, in Santa Rosa, at the residence of Dr. Jackson Temple, Secretary of the Society. Dr. F. O. Pryor of Santa Rosa led a most interesting discussion of Ethics, in which all present joined. Dr. J. H. McLeod demonstrated a specimen, the pathology of which was explained by Dr. Temple. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. W. Seawell, Healdsburg; vice-president, R. M. Bonar, Santa Rosa; secretary, Jackson Temple, Santa Rosa; treasurer, F. O. Pryor, Santa Rosa. Dr. S. Z. Peoples of Petaluma was elected delegate to the State Convention, with Dr. Elizabeth Yates as alternate. Dr. J. W. Scamell, of Windsor, censor.

After the business of the meeting was disposed of, all adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous repast was served in honor of the newly elected and retiring officers.

YOLO COUNTY.

The Yolo County Medical Society held its regular meeting for October on the 4th, at the Oaks Club. Dr. W. F. Cheney of San Francisco read a paper on "Duodenal Ulcer" which was of great interest and excited considerable discussion.

On December 6th, Dr. Emile Schmoll of San Francisco presented an excellent paper on "The Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Heart Lesions."

The Yolo County Society for Medical Improvement met on the evening of Dec. 6th at "The Oak's Club." Dr. W. E. Bates was elected president, Dr. C. H. Fairchild, vice-president, and Dr. Frances Louise Newton, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Emile Schmoll read a paper on "Therapeutics of Digitatis." Dr. Elizabeth Frances Joyce of Winters and Dr. E. K. Ward of Arbuckle, were admitted to membership.

Assemblyman Lawrence Wilson was present and promised to protect the vaccination law and other medical laws.

FRANCES LOUISE NEWTON, Secretary.

COOPER COLLEGE SCIENCE CLUB.

On Dec. 5, 1910, the regular monthly meeting of the Cooper College Science Club was held:

Scientific program:

1—Remarks on Intra-Thoracic Surgery with Lantern Slide Demonstration, Dudley Tait.

2—Discussion, Wallace I. Terry, Emmet Rixford, Raymond Russ, Sterling Bunnell, H. B. A. Kugeler, Leo Eloesser, Dudley Tait.

Dr. Leo Eloesser and Dr. Arthur H. Reinstein were elected to membership.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

The regular monthly meeting of the California Academy of Medicine was held Nov. 25, 1910, in the Library of the San Francisco County Medical Society.

Scientific program:

1—Perineal Prostatectomy with Report of Cases, R. L. Rigdon.

2—The Occurrence of Edema in Experimental Chronic Nephritis, E. C. Dickson.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served.

NOTICE.

Beginning January 1, 1911, the drug stores of San Francisco will be closed on Sunday from 1 to 5 P. M.

OF INTEREST.

Information in regard to arrival of "606" will be found on page xviii. Bowerman's Pharmacy.

ERRATA IN DISCUSSION BY DR. WELTY.

Typographical error, page 392, 2nd column, 10th line from bottom; 90% instead of 99%.

Page 393, 1st column, 14th line from top; 20% instead of 35%.

Notice!

The Register and Directory for 1910 was delivered in November.

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Essentials of Materia Medica and Therapeutics for Nurses. By John Foote, M. D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1910.

Intended "to simplify the study of therapeutics for nurses," this small volume is composed of two parts. The first half contains a rambling dissertation on "how medicines act" and "the classification and uses of drugs and medicines." The treatment of "bilious attacks" and the destruction of "parasitic insects" are given considerable space; chronic mercurial poisoning is called salivation; the virtues of the coal tar products receive flattering attention.

Is it surprising that accidents continue to happen when nurses are instructed "to give a high enema through a soft rubber rectal tube which passes into the large bowel for six inches or more?" The second half of the volume, in the form of a list of commonly used drugs, reveals the idea that prompted its publication. Here the nurse may find an interminable number of proprietary medicines, among which the following may be quoted: Alkalithia, apiolin, ammonol, arsenauro, borolyptol, colchisal, euthymol, Pearson's creolin, creosotal, dioxygen, glycozone, formin, helmitol, holocaine hydrochloride, hydrozone, ingluvin, peptenzyme, pepto-mangan (Gude), phenalgin, stypticin, theocin, trikresol, etc., etc.

The author's detailed description of the properties and indications of each of the above and many more similar patented preparations may extend the nurse's field of usefulness, especially in the opinion of makers of proprietary medicines; but it may not be out of order to enquire if the sale of such dubious pharmaceutical products has become so far exhausted in the domain of the medical practitioner that the predatory manufacturer finds it expedient to substitute the unsuspecting nurse for detail men and pseudo-medical journals? The reviewer can find nothing in this volume to warrant its being accorded a place in the library of the San Francisco Medical Society, and, therefore, recommends that it be returned forthwith to the publisher. D. T.

General Medicine. Billings and Salisbury. Vols. I and VI. Year Book Publishers, 1910.

These little volumes present an excellent summary of the year's advances in general medicine. The editors, with their usual skill, have sifted through the world's literature, separating the wheat from the chaff, so that for those unable to keep abreast of the times by a careful study of the current journals, this work is of great value.

R. B.